

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 2829, Office of National Drug Control Policy Re-authorization Act of 2005.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1925–S1985*

**Measures Introduced:** Seven bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2393–2399, and S. Res. 394–397. **Page S1965**

#### Measures Passed:

**Trade Relations:** Senate passed H.R. 1053, to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Ukraine, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1953**

Subsequently, S. 632, Senate companion measure, was indefinitely postponed. **Page S1953**

**Congratulating Rosey Fletcher:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 396, congratulating Rosey Fletcher for her Olympic bronze medal in the parallel giant slalom. **Page S1984**

**Recognizing Minnesota Curling Community:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 397, recognizing the history and achievements of the curling community of Bemidji, Minnesota. **Page S1984**

**Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 2349, to provide greater transparency in the legislative process, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1944–45**

Pending:

Wyden/Grassley Amendment No. 2944, to establish as a standing order of the Senate a requirement that a Senator publicly disclose a notice of intent to object to proceeding to any measure or matter. **Page S1944**

Schumer Amendment No. 2959 (to Amendment No. 2944), to prohibit any foreign-government-owned or controlled company that recognized the Taliban as the legitimate government of Afghanistan during the Taliban's rule between 1996–2001, may

own, lease, operate, or manage real property or facility at a United States port. **Page S1944**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 36), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S1944**

Subsequently, Senator Frist entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which the motion to invoke cloture on the bill failed. **Page S1944**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that second-degree amendments be filed no later than 2 p.m., on Monday, March 13, 2006. **Page S1933**

**Budget Resolution—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the budget resolution, if available, at 10 a.m., on Monday, March 13, 2006, with the time equally divided until 11:30 a.m.; further, that following a period of morning business from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with that time equally divided, Senate will continue consideration of the budget resolution. **Page S1984**

**Committee Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the Committee on the Budget to file certain reported legislation from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, on Friday, March 10, 2006. **Page S1984**

**Gordon Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, March 13, 2006, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Leo Maury Gordon, of New Jersey, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and vote immediately on the confirmation of the nomination. **Page S1984**

**Nomination Referrals—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the nominations of Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, and Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, be recommitted to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions. **Page S1984**

**Messages From the House:** **Pages S1958–59**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S1957–58**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S1972–83**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:**  
**Pages S1983–84**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—36) **Page S1944**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:43 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, March 13, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1984–85.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### PACKERS AND STOCKYARDS ACT

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture's management and oversight of the Packers and Stockyards Act, focusing on competitiveness in livestock and poultry markets, and developing and sharing information on competitive conditions with key stakeholders, after receiving testimony from James E. Link, Administrator, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, and Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, both of the Department of Agriculture; and Daniel Bertoni, Acting Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office.

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget es-

timates for fiscal year 2007 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Mike Johanns, Secretary, Charles Connor, Deputy Secretary, Keith Collins, Chief Economist, and W. Scott Steele, Budget Officer, all of the Department of Agriculture.

### SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the proposed supplemental funding request for additional resources to assist in ongoing military, diplomatic, and intelligence operations in the Global War on Terror; stabilization and counter-insurgency activities in Iraq and Afghanistan, and other humanitarian assistance, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State; General Peter Pace, USMC, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and General John Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command.

### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2007 and the future years defense program, focusing on the naval workforce, and projection of naval power in the global war on terror, after receiving testimony from Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy; Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chief of Naval Operations; and General Michael W. Hagee, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

### SECURITIES MARKETS SELF-REGULATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee held a hearing to examine self-regulatory organizations in the securities markets, focusing on strengths and weaknesses of the current system, conflicts of interest, and eliminating excessive market data fees, receiving testimony from John A. Thain, New York Stock Exchange, Inc., Robert Glauber, National Association of Securities Dealers, both of New York, New York; Marc E. Lackritz, Securities Industry Association, Ann Yerger, Council of Institutional Investors, and Richard Ferlauto, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL–CIO, all of Washington, D.C.; and Henry T.C. Hu, University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

### 2007 BUDGET

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2007 and including the